

I am a paying subscriber to XM Satellite Radio service. I recently heard about the National Association of Broadcasters petition #04-160 which is trying to block XM's ability to broadcast weather and traffic information to its customers. Satellite radio is the best thing that has happened to radio since FM. AM/FM channels are so littered with advertising that I found myself rarely listening to radio at all. It is worth paying for radio service to avoid commercials on music stations. Satellite radio also offers a breadth of news, sports, comedy and more.

I am anxiously awaiting XM to provide traffic and weather information for the Dayton, Ohio area. Don't let the NAB's stone-age mentality limit the expansion of new technology. Blocking satellite radio from broadcasting local weather information would be like asking The Weather Channel to stop broadcasting local weather information on cable TV. Getting continuous local weather information any time you need it could save lives when threatening weather is in the area.